mers engaged in this relatively new sector. The matter has been examined by us and banks are advised to provide all possible assistance to farmers undertaking this activity subject to the usual terms and conditions laid down in our guidelines for advances to priority sector in respect of margin, security norms and time limit set for disposal of loan applications.

2. Wherever this type of activity is important in a district the LBOs may be advised to obtain the details thereof and these should be duly incorporated in the DCPs and the performance of banks in this regard may be reviewed on a regular basis.

3. Further, since this is a comparatively new activity in fisheries, we advise that you may consider the conduct of suitable programmes on the subject in your Staff Training Colleges.

4. We shall be glad if you will please issue suitable instructions to your controlling/branch offices in this regard.

**Plan to optimally utilize Ahmedabad international airport**

997. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to optimally utilize Ahmedabad international airport up to full capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the direct service between Ahmedabad to Nairobi & South Africa are likely to be started;

(d) by when the services between Ahmedabad & Australia are likely to be started;

(e) whether there is any plan to start direct flight from Ahmedabad to Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore; and

(f) whether there is also a plan to connect Ahmedabad with the Gulf countries?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. To the extent traffic potential justifies.

(c) to (e) The traffic potential between Ahmedabad on one side and Nairobi, South Africa, Australia, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore on the other, is not enough at present to operate commercially viable international services.

(f) Indian Airlines operates international services from Ahmedabad to Muscat and Sharjah. A number of international services over Bombay and Delhi are also connected with Ahmedabad through Hub-and-Spoke flight.

**जनसंख्या से संबंधित परियोजनाओं के लिए निधि का उपयोग**

998. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या जनसंख्या से संबंधित परियोजनाओं के लिए दी गई धनराशि का कुछ राज्यों द्वारा उपयोग नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या केन्द्र सरकार ने उक्त धनराशि का उपयोग करने के लिए संबंधित राज्यों को दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए हैं;

(ग) किन-किन राज्यों को ये दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए हैं;

(घ) जारी किए गए दिशा-निर्देशों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है।

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी):** (क) से (ङ) व्यय के आंकड़ों से पता चलता है कि सामान्यतः सभी राज्यों द्वारा निधियों का उपयोग किया जाता है।